



***CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA***

**CITY CLERK'S SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTIONS**

**Regular Meeting of Monday, March 10, 2008 - 7:00 p.m. – Council Chambers**

**AGENDA**

<b><u>ITEM #</u></b>	<b><u>SUBJECT</u></b>	<b><u>ACTION TAKEN</u></b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Call to Order/Roll Call</b>	All present. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. (Councilman Youngs arrived at 7:09 p.m.)
<b>2.</b>	<b>Invocation</b>	Offered by Councilman Best.
	<b>Salute to the Flag</b>	The audience participated.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Awards &amp; Presentations</b>	
3A)	Finance Director	City Manager Borgmann introduced new Finance Director Leacroft E. Robinson.
3B)	Proclamation: Water Conservation	Evan Skornik from the South Florida Water Management District gave a brief presentation regarding water conservation.  On behalf of Mayor Bain, Vice Mayor Dotson proclaimed April 2008 to be Water Conservation Month.
3C)	Presentation of C.A.F.R. for Fiscal Year Ending 9/30/2007	Néstor Caballero of Alberni Caballero & Castellanos, L.L.P., the City's Auditors presented the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (C.A.F.R.) for the Fiscal Year ending on September 30, 2007.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Open Forum:</b>	No speakers.

**5. Approval of Council Minutes**

- 5A) 02/25/2008 Regular Meeting Minutes of the February 25, 2008 Regular Meeting were **approved as written**.  
**Motion:** Councilman Best  
**Second:** Councilman Garcia  
**Vote:** 5-0

**6. Reports from Boards & Commissions**

- 6A) Code Review Board Cancellation Notice of the February 28, 2008 Code Review Board meeting was received for information without comment.
- 6B) Zoning and Planning Board Cancellation Notice of the March 3, 2008 Zoning and Planning Board meeting was received for information without comment.
- 6C) Code Enforcement Board Cancellation Notice of the March 4, 2008 Code Enforcement Board meeting was received for information without comment.
- 6D) Board of Adjustment Council **approved** the actions taken by the Board of Adjustment at their meeting of March 3, 2008, subject to the ten-day appeal period.  
**Motion:** Councilman Garcia  
**Second:** Councilman Youngs  
**Vote:** 5-0

- 7. Public Hearings:** None

**8. Consent Agenda:**

- 8A) City Attorney's Invoice Council **approved** payment of the City Attorney's invoice for February 2008 in the amount of \$9,553.50.  
**Motion:** Vice Mayor Dotson  
**Second:** Councilman Best  
**Vote:** 5-0

**9. Old Business:**

- 9A) Status of Revisions: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Package Michelle Glenn **gave a status report** regarding the revisions of the Comprehensive Plan amendment.

- 9B) Change Order # 1 to Purchase Order  
# 08-0175, FIU Metropolitan Center Council **approved** Change Order # 1 to P.O.  
# 08-0175, FIU Metropolitan Center, in the  
amount of \$2,000.00.  
**Motion:** Vice Mayor Dotson  
**Second:** Councilman Best  
**Vote:** 5-0
- 9C) Appointments to Advisory Boards Councilman Youngs (Group IV) **appointed**  
Robert (Bob) Williams to the Code  
Enforcement Board for an expired term  
ending on September 30, 2010.
- Councilman Youngs (Group IV) **appointed**  
Jennifer Ator to the Recreation Commission  
for an unexpired term ending on April 30,  
2010.
- 10. New Business:**
- 10A) Grant Application: Canal Street Project:  
FL Recreational Trails Program Council **approved** the application for a  
grant to fund the 50% matching grant of  
\$68,481.00 for the Canal Street project  
Florida Recreational Trails Program.  
**Motion:** Councilman Garcia  
**Second:** Councilman Best  
**Vote:** 5-0
- 10B) Resolution: Countywide  
Consolidated Municipal Election Council **adopted** a resolution authorizing  
and approving the establishment of a  
countywide consolidated municipal election  
date; proposing date of election; and  
providing for transmission of the resolution  
**(Resolution No. 2008-3390).**  
**Motion:** Councilman Garcia  
**Second:** Vice Mayor Dotson  
**Vote:** 5-0
- 10C) Hurricane Awnings Council **directed** the City Attorney to draft an  
ordinance amending §93.13 (C) of the Code to  
allow each property to maintain closed  
accordion shutters, window awnings and  
hurricane panels over any two windows on the  
property that do not face a City roadway.

**11. Other Business:**

11A) Rescheduling of Council  
Workshop Meeting

At the request of the City Manager, the meeting was not **re-scheduled**.

11B) Vote of Confidence:  
City Attorney

Council **gave** a vote of confidence to City Attorney Jan K. Seiden.

**Motion:** Councilman Best

**Second:** Vice Mayor Dotson

**Vote:** 5-0

11C) Vote of Confidence:  
City Clerk

Council **gave** a vote of confidence to City Clerk Magalí Valls.

**Motion:** Councilman Best

**Second:** Vice Mayor Dotson

**Vote:** 5-0

Council **requested** additional information to consider a merit increase at the next meeting.

**12. Reports & Recommendations:**

12A) City Attorney

None

12B) City Manager

**Water and Sewer System**

City Manager Borgmann stated that a meeting is scheduled with the representatives from Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department (WASA) on Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss personnel issues and how the City employees would be affected should the transfer of the system go through.

The City Manager and City Attorney are also trying to arrange a meeting to discuss the transfer agreement.

**12B) County Recycling Program**

City Manager Borgmann reported that Public Works Director Robert Williams attended a recycling meeting with County representatives regarding a change in the recycling system. All the details are not yet available, but he has heard that the County may contract with four different companies who will service various districts and there could be a change in the system of collection from weekly to bi-weekly.

**Tennis and Racquetball Programs**

City Manager Borgmann stated that the City contracted with a new manager on March 1<sup>st</sup> and participation is increasing. The courts are in better condition since the resurfacing, even though court # 1 has developed a crack that must be dealt with.

**Park Restrooms**

City Manager Borgmann stated that he received quotes for Dove Avenue Park, but he is still not happy with the quotes received for the sewer connection at Stafford Park. The City is responsible for running the wiring from the electric pole to the building and will be receiving quotes for this service, which could be as much as \$15,000 for both buildings combined.

**Racquetball Court Painting**

City Manager Borgmann reported that the racquetball court painting is scheduled for March 24th.

**Police Officer Recruitment**

City Manager Borgmann stated that the City is losing two of its finest officers to the City of Doral, and there has not been much of an impact from Miami Gardens, although the final numbers of the draft are unknown. He met with Chief of Police Dilling to discuss how to deal with the problem because two other officers were lost to Miami Beach and Broward County. There are 43 positions, the budget includes funds for 41 officers and now it appears that the City will be short by four officers within a very short period of time.

12B)	<p><b>Little League Baseball</b></p> <p><b>Easter Egg Hunt</b></p>	<p>City Manager Borgmann reminded Council of the Little League Baseball Opening Ceremony on Saturday, March 15, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>City Manager Borgmann reported that an Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at Prince Field.</p>
12C)	<p><b>City Council</b></p> <p><b>Education Compact</b></p>	<p>Councilman Youngs stated that the Education Advisory Board would be looking at the compact between the City and Miami-Dade County Public Schools this month and Council should be prepared to discuss goals they would like to see accomplished with respect to the schools in the Miami Springs feeder pattern.</p>
	<b>Curtiss Mansion Inc. Fundraiser</b>	<p>Councilman Youngs thanked everyone who participated in the Curtiss Mansion, Inc. wine and cheese fundraiser on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. He suggested that Curtiss Mansion, Inc. could give a report at the next meeting.</p>
	<b>Eldron Alley</b>	<p>Councilman Garcia asked for a status report regarding code violations.</p> <p>Assistant City Manager Gorland explained that the report is being compiled and he hopes to have the information ready for the next meeting.</p>
	<p><b>Grant Writer/ Public Information Specialist</b></p>	<p>Councilman Garcia congratulated Grant Writer/Information Specialist Carol Foster and the Administration for their success in locating a grant for the Canal Street project. He asked if Ms. Foster is focusing on the information duties in addition to grant writing.</p>

12C)

**Grant Writer/  
Public Information (Continued)**

City Manager Borgmann stated that Ms. Foster had met with the River Cities Gazette production employees to develop a stylized format for the monthly News Bulletin with more photos and bullet points to catch the readers' eyes. He explained that there are plans for her to be more involved in public relation brochures.

**Daddy/Daughter Dance**

Councilman Garcia reported attending the Daddy/Daughter Dance and having a great time. It was a memorable experience for the fathers to share with their kids.

**Fair Havens Air Conditioner**

Councilman Garcia asked about the status of the noise problems with the Fair Havens air conditioning unit because there is still a whining sound at 4:30 in the morning.

Assistant City Manager Gorland stated that he had not checked the noise that early in the morning, but the Director at Fair Havens advised him that the air conditioner is not on at that time. He said that there had been no progress because Trane was sold to Ingersoll Rand and he is working with them at the district level.

City Manager Borgmann reported that Fair Havens said that there is a serious mold problem and that is the reason the air conditioning was operating for longer hours.

After extensive discussion regarding enacting of an ordinance with a view towards solving this problem, it was agreed to schedule this item for discussion at the next Council meeting.

**Pool Hours**

Councilman Garcia asked the Assistant City Manager to get back with him regarding the swimming pool hours of operation.

12C)

**Prayers**

Councilman Garcia asked everyone to keep in their prayers Anthony Parodi a little boy who will be undergoing bypass surgery.

**Deer Run Traffic Calming**

Vice Mayor Dotson inquired about the plan specifications for the traffic calming device.

City Manager Borgmann responded that he would follow up on a call that he made to Coral Gables asking for the plans.

**Gymnasium Roof**

Vice Mayor Dotson asked how the gymnasium roof held up during the February rains.

Assistant City Manager Gorland stated that there are two major leaks and the company makes repairs when they are called, but it is dangerous when the floor gets wet.

Vice Mayor Dotson commented that the roof was replaced because of the liability, the cost was approximately \$45,000 and there should be a guarantee that the problem will be fixed.

City Manager Borgmann explained that the contractor guaranteed his work and he immediately responds when there is a leak. He does not know at what point the entire roof would have to be replaced, which could be a question for an inspector. There is a one year guarantee on the labor and the shingles have a ten-year warranty.

After extensive discussion, it was decided that the Administration will keep track of the anniversary date when the guarantee expires so that a decision can be made before it does.



<b>12C)</b>	<b>Senior Center Report</b>	Vice Mayor Best stated that he spoke at the Senior Center this past week and there were questions relative to the date of operation for the shuttle bus.
		City Manager Borgmann stated that the shuttle bus would be on display during the Springs River Festival when flyers with the route information would be handed out.
	<b>Book Signing</b>	Councilman Best said that Seth Bransom published a new book titled “Curtiss-Bright Cities of Opa-locka, Hialeah and Miami Springs” and he attended the book signing at the Miami Springs Historical Museum.
	<b>Cancer Walk</b>	Councilman Best reported that the Cancer Relay for Life raised approximately \$80,000.
	<b>Board of Appeals Case</b>	Councilman Best noticed that the boat that was denied by Council in the Board of Appeals case approximately one month ago had not been moved.
		City Attorney Seiden stated that normally the Code Compliance Office allows thirty days to comply.
	<b>High School Portables</b>	Councilman Best asked about the status of the removal of the portables at Miami Springs Senior High School and Councilman Youngs offered to find out from the Region 3 Office.
	<b>Memorial Plaques</b>	Mayor Bain asked if the memorial plaques are ready for the dedication that will be held at the Springs River Festival and if invitations would be sent to the appropriate people. The City Manager answered affirmatively.

**12C)**

**Billy Maddox**

Mayor Bain reported that Billy Maddox, who loved golf, passed away last month and his family and friends would like to know if they can place a brick with his name on the walkway to the Golf and Country Club.

The City Manager offered to get the information from the company that supplied the bricks if the family provides the details.

**Agenda Items**

Mayor Bain suggested that Council should notify the City Manager to schedule an agenda item when they want to discuss matters like Fair Havens or the gymnasium roof so that the Administration is prepared to provide the information and the residents have an opportunity to speak at the meeting.

**Gymnasium Roof**

Mayor Bain suggested that the Administration should contact the roofing contractor now to try to obtain an additional one year warranty since the leaks have been an ongoing problem.

**Cancer Walk**

Mayor Bain stated that the Cancer Relay for Life was a pure success and a credit to the community by those who participated to support a just cause. He thanked Commissioner Rebeca Sosa for providing the stage and Suzanne Conlon Wolar and her Staff for organizing one of the best events that he can remember.

**13.**

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.